

*The Best*

1996

1842

154th  
Church Anniversary  
Of

St. James

African Methodist  
Episcopal Church

588 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Newark, New Jersey  
07102

REV. DR. WILLIAM D. WATLEY  
Pastor

# CONGRATULATIONS

to

**St. James African Methodist  
Episcopal Church**

on its

**154th Anniversary**



"...and upon this rock I will build my church,  
and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."  
Matthew 16:18

**Sharpe James, Mayor  
Newark, New Jersey**

Theme:

**"OTHERS HAVE LABORED AND YOU HAVE ENTERED INTO THEIR LABOR"**

# St. James A.M.E. Church

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## 1842 - 154th Year - 1996

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John 4:38



St. James A.M.E. Church  
1896 - 1945



St. James A.M.E. Church  
1945 - Present

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1996  
6:00 P.M.

HOLIDAY INN JETPORT  
1000 Spring Street, Elizabeth, N.J.

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## RICHARD ALLEN: Our Founder

Richard Allen, the first bishop of the A.M.E. Church, was born February 14, 1760, a slave of Benjamin Chew of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At an early age, he with his father, mother and three other children, was sold into the state of Delaware, where, on a farm in the neighborhood of Dover, he was brought up. About 1777 he was converted and soon afterwards, about 1780 he began to preach. His religion was of such a genuine sort that it affected every department of his life. As a result his master permitted prayer meeting and preaching in his house, and was converted himself. The master showed his conversion by making it possible for his slaves to become free. Accordingly Richard Allen and his brother bought their freedom for \$2,000.00 Continental money. Richard Allen left his master and began working for himself, with a job of cutting cord wood; then he was employed at \$50.00 (Continental money) a month in a brick yard, then he worked as a day laborer; then as a teamster hauling salt during the Revolutionary War from Rehobar, Sussex County, Delaware. During all of this time he preached whenever he could. After he had acquired experience, he began to travel from place to place preaching. Like Paul, he worked with his hands for his own support as he preached. In the fall of 1783 he was in Wilmington, Delaware- later and until spring of 1784, he traveled and preached in New Jersey, after which he traveled and preached in Pennsylvania.

In February 1786, he came to Philadelphia and preached at St. George's Methodist Church and at different places in that city where there was a large colored population. It was out of St. George's Church that Allen and his followers marched. This was the protest and march which caused the birth of African Methodism.

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### WORDS FROM THE BISHOP

I'm pleased to congratulate Dr. & Mrs. Watley, and the good people of St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church on this the occasion of their 154th Church Anniversary.

St. James is not only one of the leading churches in the New Jersey Conference, and the First Episcopal District, but in all African Methodism. For years it has served as a citadel of quality worship and distinguished service. It is note worthy that the present generation of leadership understands the importance of building upon their foundation as they envision their future. Mrs. Joan Cousin, your episcopal supervisor, along with the other congregations and pastors stand with her as we salute you on this milestone in your life and history.

Sincerely,

*Bishop Philip R. Cousin*

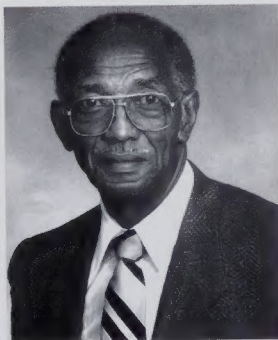
Bishop Phillip R. Cousin

#### CONFERENCES:

☐ Bermuda ☐ New Jersey ☐ Delaware ☐ New York ☐ New England ☐ Philadelphia

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WORDS FROM THE CO-CHAIRPERSON

I thank God for the opportunity to have co-chaired the celebration of the 154th year of DSt. James African Methodist Church.

St. James has truly been blessed with a long and rich history of service to God and the community, and it could only come this far by faith.

Each administration and generation had to put on the whole armour of God, they had to wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places, and having taken on the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God, St. James has endured to these many years.

I appreciate the cooperative spirit of Co-Chairperson, Rev. Dr. William D. Watley and all who have helped in any way to make this 154th Anniversary celebration a successful and memorable occasion.

God bless,

*Lewis A. Turner, Sr.*

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## PROGRAM

Toastmaster ..... EDWARD W. VERNER, MD  
 Processional ..... DAIS GUEST  
 Hymn ..... FAITH OF OUR FATHERS—2 VERSES  
 Invocation ..... MRS. MARY W. WILLIAMS

## DINNER

Music by—MISS PEGGY BOWMAN, MR. SAMUEL SNEAD ..... Pianists  
                     MISS YVONNE ALLEN, MR. REGINALD TURNER ..... Vocalists  
 Welcome ..... MR. JOHN D. WOODS  
                                             Chairman, 125th Anniversary  
 Solo ..... MISS YVONNE CAUGHMAN  
 Introduction of Mayor ..... MRS. LARRIE W. STALKS  
                                             Director of Health & Welfare, City of Newark  
 Greetings ..... MAYOR HUGH J. ADDONIZIO  
                                             City of Newark, N. J.  
                                             REV. VERNON R. BYRD  
                                             Presiding Elder, Newark District  
 Solo ..... MRS. PHYLLIS CANNON  
 Reading ..... MRS. VARIE OLIVER  
                                             "The Negro and Education," by James Weldon Johnson  
 Reflections ..... MRS. MARION P. MURRELL  
                                             Official Church Notices Clerk  
 Solo ..... MISS SHIRLEY BERGMAN  
 Report from Pastoral Representatives ..... MRS. BERNICE C. JOHNSON  
                                             Director of Youth Choir  
 Solo ..... REV. RAYMOND M. ANDREWS  
 Introduction of Guest Speaker ..... REV. D. M. OWENS  
                                             Pastor, St. James A. M. E. Church  
 Speaker ..... JUDGE LEON HIGGINBOTHAM  
 Remarks ..... REV. D. M. OWENS, Pastor  
 Benediction ..... REV. ANDREW MAKHENE

MRS. HATTIE L. COPPOCK—Program Chairman

### — Members —

MRS. ZEROLINE VERNER  
 MRS. BLONDEL COPPOCK

MRS. EVELYN C. SPAIGHTS  
 MRS. ANN WOODS



*Pastor and Associate Pastors*



*The Pastor and Secretary of the Church*



*St. James A.M.E. Church*

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WILLIAM D. WATLEY, PH.D., MINISTER

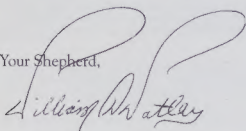
*Words From Your Pastor*

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We praise you for 154 years of service to God, the people of God, and the greater Newark Community.

Saint James African Methodist Episcopal Church is truly a church with a noble heritage and a bright future. Since God is still alive, we believe our best days are ahead of us. The eminent construction of Saint James Middle School and Community Resource Center "in the latter reigns," the Holy Spirit in our midst, our Prayer Initiative along with increased emphasis on witnessing and tithing are all hallmarks of the bright future we believe that God has in store for us.

We would like to thank Bro. Lewis Turner, Co-chairperson and all those who have served in any way to help make this historic and unique 154th Church Anniversary celebration the tremendous success that it is.

Peace of the Lord be with you.

Your Shepherd,  
  
William D. Watley

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# The History of St. James A.M.E. Church

St. James A.M.E. Church originally known as Bethel A.M.E. was organized about 1842 by Rev. C. Birch with a humble beginning in a building on Green Street. From 1842 to 1888 the congregation worshipped in many places, some of which were as follows: A church on Arlington Street; a hall at Market and Washington Streets; a lodge hall on Broad Street, the present site at the Central Railroad Station and twice in Alhambra Hall at 73 New Street near Washington Street. While at Alhambra Hall the affairs of the church became so involved that we decided to disband. This was only for a short duration, for the congregation immediately reorganized under the name of St. James A.M.E. Church. Rev. William Giles was our pastor when St. James' congregation secured a church building on Union Street. This remained our home until 1945.

St. James has had a succession of notable pastors, who in most instances have done outstanding work. The first board of Trustees were; Thomas Flagg, Jacob King, James Frances, James Giles and Thomas Jackson, all of whom have passed from labor to reward. The following named ministers have been pastors; Reverends C. Birch, Richard Robinson, John Bogg, E.C. Africanus, Lewis S. Lewis, R. Robinson, H. Johnson, D. Darrell, D.R. V. Morgan, J.H. Hamilton, I. Paterson, G.W. Johnson, W.M. Watson, R. Wayman, E. Weaver, W.T. Cato, E.C. Boyer. These were succeeded by Reverends Alexander Turpin, R.M. Long, Morris Williams, Redmond Faucett, W.H. Abbott, S.E. Goosely and Israel Derrick, who received his appointment April 25, 1883. He was an energetic pastor and in addition to his regular church work edited a paper named the Bugle.

Rev. Derrick was succeeded by Rev. J.T. Diggs and it was during his administration we left the church on Arlington Street on account of the administrator of the heirs of the owner of the property desiring a settlement. We were unable to meet their demands and hence vacated the building. It was then we were compelled to meet in the various halls mentioned previously. Rev. J.T. Rex followed as pastor. The church was in a critical condition financially. It was then we decided to disband as Bethel and afterwards was known as St. James A.M.E. Church. Rev. Rex was succeeded by Rev. Ayler who remained only a few months. Rev. W.H. Giles, a transfer from North Carolina conference was sent to St. James. To Rev. Giles must be given the credit of securing the church on Union Street. Rev. J. V. Payton came to the charge May 14, 1895, and served 5 years doing a splendid work. The church was beautiful and a pipe organ was installed and the membership increased and by his good work we realized that the hard trials in life helped us to grow stronger in spirit. Rev. H.C. Ashley had a charge of the work for the year 1900. Rev. H. I. Anderson succeeded Rev. Ashley and served from May 1901 to 1906. The church was redecorated, a new lighting system and stained windows installed. He also purchased the lot next to the church. He was a very successful pastor. Rev. Wm. O. Davis served for one year and was followed by Rev. R. French Hurley who remained a little more than a year. Rev. A.A. Collins was our next pastor and served for 6 years. During his remount he enlarged the lecture room, purchased the parsonage on Union Street and installed a steam heating system in the church.

In May 1915, by appointment of Bishop Tyree, we received Rev. H.K. Spearman as our pastor. Through God we were able to accomplish what almost seemed impossible. The church was transformed at a cost of \$5,000.00 and mortgage on church and parsonage which had stood for many years amounting to \$12,000 were wiped out. Rev. Carl Flipper succeeded Rev. Spearman, served until October 1924 when he was transferred to St. Louis. Rev. Cummings was our next pastor. He formed a Junior Church and purchased the house between the parsonage and church. He was succeeded by Rev. D.J. Brown who remained at St. James for 2 years. He was then made Presiding Elder. Rev. F.C. Fisher was then sent as a supply minister on August 17, 1930. The church and house next door was renovated during his pastorate. He had the interest of the church at heart, especially the young people, the future church. The sick and shut-ins of the church received their due share of attention, for he visited them often and regularly, always leaving a kindly word. Rev. Spivey left in September, 1936, to become Dean of Payne Theological Seminary at Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio. Rev. H.N. Newsome of Alabama came to the work October 4, 1936 and was with us only a few months, for on June 26, 1937 after he had return from a convention in Nashville, Tenn, he died suddenly of a heart attack. We then received Rev. A.C. Saunders who remained for 2 years and was followed by Rev. Joseph Slade, father of Theresa Cavaness and grandfather of Rev. Harold Cavaness, who also served for 2 years.

Rev. Mansfield E. Jackson preached his first sermon on June 1, 1941 and served our church faithfully and well for 9 years, longer than any of his predecessors. He did a wonderful work at St. James and it was through his efforts and sacrifices of our loyal members that he secured our beautiful church at High and Court Streets a "gem of rare architectural beauty." It was then High Sixth Presbyterian Church. It was purchased from the Trustees of the Old First Presbyterian Church at 820 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey. Our first service was held on January 7, 1945. The building was paid for in full December 20, 1945 and the mortgage burned January 13, 1946.

Rev. Eustace L. Blake was assigned to St. James in 1950. Rev. Blake was a very successful pastor and a powerful preacher. Many found Christ precious to their souls during his pastorate. A beautiful baptismal fountain has been added to the church. This was consecrated by Bishop D. Ward Nichols. Rev. Blake also acquired a beautiful new parsonage on Maple Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey. He organized a wonderful young people's choir, a jubilee choir and a children's choir and a junior usher board. There were many auxiliaries, clubs and boards added to the church during his administration. A building next to the church was also purchased known as the "Parish House" (now the parking lot) which was used as a Pre-school and youth activity programs.

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## 15th Anniversary of St. James A.M.E. Church

# The History of St. James AME Church

Rev. D McNea Owens was appointed by Bishop John D. Bright to St. James A.M.E. Church on May 15, 1966. During 1967, the Lord blessed Rev. Owens and the members to do extensive decorating to our church. The Sanctuary was painted and wall to wall carpeting installed. The church continued to move forward spiritually and materially and the congregation was very proud to sponsor a 20 story apartment building. Also under the administration of Rev. Owens, the church installed air conditioning.

Rev. L. Sylvester Odom was assigned to St. James A.M.E. Church on the 1st Sunday in May, 1979 by Bishop Richard A. Hildebrand. Rev. Odom was a dynamic and powerful preacher. He believed that people should "Bloom where you're planted". During his short administration of 3 months and under his leadership work was started by the Trustees to renovate the parsonage. Rev. Odom died suddenly in August 1979, before he was able to continue the Lord's program.

Rev. Odom was succeeded by Rev. Vernon R. Byrd, Sr. who was appointed to St. James A.M.E. Church-Newark by Bishop Richard A. Hildebrand in October, 1979. The renovation of the parsonage was continued and completed under the leadership of Rev. V.R. Byrd. We were blessed to have a soul saving pastor that believed, "Unless souls are saved, nothing is saved." He had the interest of the church at heart, especially the young people, the future. Rev. V.R. Byrd initiated the following programs at St. James A.M.E. Church: Daily Prayer, Bible Study Class, Birthday Recognition, Noon Hour Prayer Service, Revival Services, Tithing, Fast Day and Weekly Prayer Services in our homes. During his first year Rev. V.R. Byrd organized the Hattie L. Coppock Choral in January 1980. Under Rev. V.R. Byrd's leadership the parking lot was completed with black top. A patio was constructed near the parking lot for the benefit of our members. Beside the face lift of the entire Sanctuary, finished woodwork and new cushions for the benches were installed. Rev. V.R. Byrd was elected Bishop in June of 1984, and is presently presiding Bishop of the 13th episcopal district.

Our current pastor, Dr. William Donnell Watley has instituted a wide variety of programs that have propelled St. James into the realm of an ultra progressive church. Under his leadership, the tithing program has dramatically increased; thus, the church's income has catapulted into an annual income exceeding a million dollars. During the last eleven years, the membership of the church has grossed an average of 225 new members per year.

The dreams of the St. James Preparatory School is rapidly coming into fruition as the church plans a world class, high tech institution with a moral foundation that includes grades ranging from seven through twelve and will accommodate to capacity about five hundred students.

Another spectacular addition to St. James is the Wednesday noonday service that attracts worshippers of all denominations who work in the downtown area and/or live in the surrounding community. The devout Christians fill St. James to capacity, as they come to worship for one hour and receive a brown bag lunch as they leave the sanctuary.

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St. James has also extended its daily feeding and clothing program and services an average of two hundred needy persons daily. Other programs include: an intergenerational After Care Program, an Adult Basic Educational Program, Alcohol Anonymous, Narcotic Anonymous, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, A Reading Club, Liturgical Dance groups for adult and youths, an accredited Bible Institute, NYAME Saturday Church School for children ages five to twelve years olds, a Men's Bible Class, A Women's Bible Class, A Prayer Initiative Group, New Life Ministries, St. James Community Credit Union, and a Preparatory Advisory Board.

Dr. Watley has broadened St. James' scope by serving on the Governing Board of the National Council of Churches and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Life and Missions' Unit of the World Council of Churches. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the North Eastern Region of First Fidelity Bank, and is Chairman of the Board of the United Movie Corporation.

Dr. Watley has graced the literary world with the writing of the following books: Roots to Resistance, the Ethics of Martin Luther King Jr., Sermons from the Black Pulpit (co-authored with Dr. Samuel Proctor), From Mess to a Miracle, Singing the Lord's Song in A Strange Land, Poems of a Son, Prayers of a Father (co-authored with his son Matthew Watley) Preaching in Two Voices and Bringing the Full Tithes.

ST JAMES A.M.E. CHURCH.....A PROGRESSIVE CATHEDRAL..... FULFILLING ITS MISSION

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St. James A.M.E. Church — 1894-1945

St. James A.M.E. Church — 1945

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# St. James A.M.E. Pastors

## From 1842 - Present

- |                      |                                    |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Rev. C. Birch     | 26. J. T. Rex                      |
| 2. Richard Robinson  | 27. Rev. Ayler                     |
| 3. John Bogg         | 28. W. H. Giles                    |
| 4. E. C. Africanus   | 29. J. V. Peyton                   |
| 5. Lewis S. Lewis    | 30. H. C. Ashley                   |
| 6. R. Robinson       | 31. H. P. Anderson                 |
| 7. H. Johnson        | 32. William O. Davis               |
| 8. D. Darrell        | 33. R. French Hurley               |
| 9. D. R. V. Morgan   | 34. A. A. Collins                  |
| 10. J. H. Hamilton   | 35. Henry Kuhns Spearman           |
| 11. L. Paterson      | 36. Carl Flipper                   |
| 12. G. W. Johnson    | 37. Rev. Cummings                  |
| 13. W. M. Watson     | 38. D. J. Brown                    |
| 14. R. Wayman        | 39. F. C. Fisher (Supply Minister) |
| 15. C. Weaver        | 40. Charles Spivey                 |
| 16. W. T. Cato       | 41. H. N. Newsome                  |
| 17. C. E. Boyer      | 42. A. C. Saunders                 |
| 18. Alexander Turpin | 43. Joseph H. Slade                |
| 19. R. M. Long       | 44. Mansfield E. Jackson           |
| 20. Morris Williams  | 45. Eustace L. Blake               |
| 21. Redmond Faucett  | 46. D. McNeal Owens                |
| 22. W. H. Abbott     | 47. Sylvester Odom                 |
| 23. S. E. Goosely    | 48. Vernon R. Byrd, Sr.            |
| 24. Israel Derrick   | 49. William D. Watley              |
| 25. J. T. Diggs      |                                    |

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## Past Pastors



Rev. Henry Kuhns Spearman  
1915 - 1921



Rev. D. J. Brown  
1928 - 1930



Rev. Charles S. Spivey  
1930 - 1936



Rev. H. N. Newsome  
1936 - 1937

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## Past Pastors



Rev. Joseph H. Slade  
1939 - 1941



Rev. Mansfield E. Jackson  
1941 - 1950



Rev. Eustace L. Blake  
1950 - 1966

"Where there is no vision people will perish"



Rev. D. McNeal Owens  
1966 - 1979

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## Past and Present Pastors



Rev. L. Sylvester Odom  
1979

"Bloom Where You re Planted"



Rev. Vernon R. Byrd  
1979 - 1984

"Unless Souls are Saved, Nothing is Saved"



Rev. William D. Watley  
Present

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## ORIGINAL GOSPEL CHOIR — 1939

ANNA YOUNES — President  
LILLIAN MAGGETTE — Directress      REV. JOSEPH H. SLADE — Pastor



## ST. JAMES ROLAND HAYES GLEE CLUB

Organized 1939

GEORGE E. RAINEY — Director      THERESA SLADE (Cavaness) — Accompanist

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1952

## St. James AME Federal Credit Union



The late Rev. Mansfield Jackson is recognized as the catalyst for starting the St. James AME Federal Credit Union. It is believed that he wanted to help create an economic base for African Americans. Rev. Jackson and some pioneering church members, along with guidance from the New Jersey Credit Union League, established the Credit Union as a viable institution ready to service its members. A charter was granted in July of 1946. The very first loan was one hundred dollars. The total assets for the first year of operation was \$1,076.00 and the membership started with 58 members.

In June 1994, the St. James AME Federal Credit Union assets reached the million dollar level. This was a triumphant year!

The successful growth of the St. James AME Federal Credit Union for the past 49 years is accredited to the officers and members of our great church.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ..... OFFICE

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Sidney C. Snead

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Denise Williams . . . . . Chairwoman

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Mary A. Ince . . . . . Secretary  
Mayfield B. Bradman

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1939





MITE MISSIONARY SOCIETY 1939



TRUSTEES AND STEWARDS — 1930's 1939

Theme:

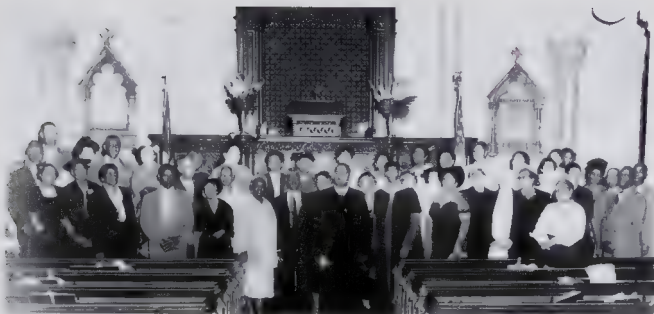
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CLASS LEADERS — 1940's



CLASS LEADERS — 1950's

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1939 Wasker Board



1934



1939

St. James Hon E. Church 1939



1939



1939



WEST END HELPERS — 1930's



## WEST END HELPERS

1996

SIDNEY SNEAD, President  
 ELLEN JACKSON, Vice President  
 SHIRLEY MANNESS, Secretary  
 ELOISE MAY, Treasurer  
 JUANITA SNEAD, Corres. Sec'y

## MEMBERS

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
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| Eloise Maness | Tilola Snead   |
| Iouberta Finn | Lance Snead    |
| James Snead   | Mastin Snead   |
| David Snead   | Titalola Snead |
| Samuel Snead  | Bruce Snead    |

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THE  
SENIOR  
CHOIR  
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1952



### CATHEDRAL CHOIR — 1996

BERNICE WILSON, President

NELLIE DANIELS, Vice President

HORTENISE ANDERSON, Secretary

MARY WILLS, Treasurer

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND STEWARDS — 1930's**

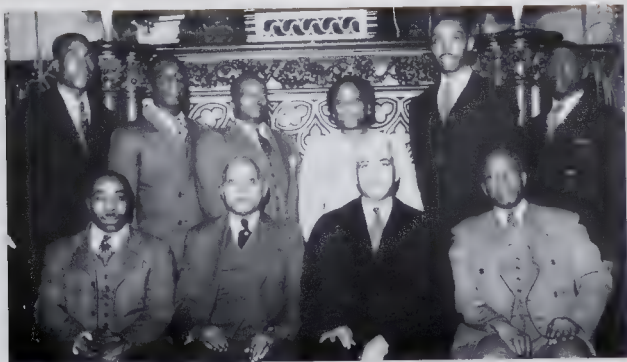


**ORIGINAL DEACONESS BOARD**

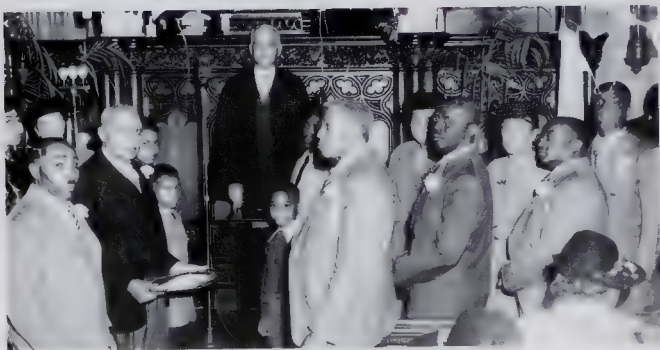
REV MANSFIELD F. JACKSON, Pastor

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**TRUSTEES OF RECORD — 1944**



**MORTGAGE BURNING — 1946**

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Cornerstone Laying  
Conference  
1952

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Bishop Nichols  
Presiding Elder Ward  
Grand Master Cooper



Cornerstone Laying  
Service

Sunday, October 26, 1952

Grand Master Cooper  
Rev. Brown  
Rev. Blake

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### TRUSTEES OF RECORD — Parish House

In the year 1959 The Trustee Board of record, purchased the building next to St. James A.M.E. Church which was known as the Parish House. As the result of urban renewal the building was demolished. St. James re-purchased the land and converted it into our existing parking lot.

### HAROLD ASHBY

Attorney for St. James  
1959 - 1979

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During this period he also served  
on the Trustee Board



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## 50 YEAR MEMBERS OF ST. JAMES A.M.E. CHURCH — 1996 —



Ruth Dargan



Rev. Zora B. Hall



Lorraine J. Johnson



Ella Jones



Marion Murrill



Nathaline Page



Sue Tom Perteet



Clinton Reynolds, Sr.



Maggie Vanderveer



Mary S. Ward



Bernada White



Dora Wilkerson

ERODIA  
ABRAMS

LAURA C.  
BAKER

MARION P.  
HILLER

HAROLD  
PORTER

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Theme:

'OTHERS HAVE LABORED AND YOU HAVE ENTERED INTO THEIR LABOR'

## Current Members Who Traveled From St. James Union Street to St. James High Street

Alston, Nellie  
Agurs Geraldine

Bond, Mattie  
Bergman, Marion  
Baker, Laura C.  
Booker, Thelma  
Bond, Mattie  
Brown, Effie  
Brown, James  
Brown, Mamie  
Baker, Laura C.  
Burkes, Lois

Cavaness, Theresa  
Campbell, Elizabeth  
Cavanaugh, Juanita  
Chambers, Vivian

Darden, Bertha  
Darden, Robert  
Dargan, Ruth

Felton, Mary  
Flanagan, Madison

Graves, Edna

Hargroves, Alethia  
Hiller, Marion P.  
Holmes, Joseph

Johnson, Bernice C.  
Johnson, Mollie P.

Limerick, Mabel

Matthews, Louise  
Moss, Ada  
Murray, Ethel T.  
McCoy, Johnia  
McIver, Sarah  
Moss, Ada

Porter, Harold

Reed, Jessie

Sigler, Warren H.  
Spaights, Evelyn  
Shelton, Louise  
Schenck, Addie  
Strouthers, Vivian  
Stalks, Dora

Thomas, Shirley B.  
Thomas, Fred  
Toombs, Pauline  
Tucker, Birlah  
Turner, Lewis  
Turner, Margaret  
Thomas, Arthur

Williams, Verdell H.  
Williams, Charles  
Williams, Rev. Mary White  
Williams, Elizabeth "Tish"  
Williams, Elizabeth V.

Youmes, Anna

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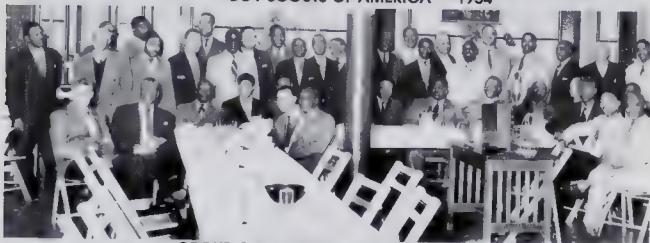
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154th Anniversary of St. James A.M.E. Church



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA — 1954



GROUP OF MEN FOR ALLEN DAY — 1951



SOUVENIR JOURNAL COMMITTEE FOR CORNERSTONE LAYING

Theme:

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## 1963 YOUTH CHOIR

MRS. BERNICE G. JOHNSON, Dir.

MRS. CARRIE ALLEN, Matron



Theme:

'OTHERS HAVE LABORED AND YOU HAVE ENTERED INTO THEIR LABOR'

1952

## St. James AME Federal Credit Union



The late Rev. Mansfield Jackson is recognized as the catalyst for starting the St. James AME Federal Credit Union. It is believed that he wanted to help create an economic base for African Americans. Rev. Jackson and some pioneering church members, along with guidance from the New Jersey Credit Union League, established the Credit Union as a viable institution ready to service its members. A charter was granted in July of 1946. The very first loan was one hundred dollars. The total assets for the first year of operation was \$1,076.00 and the membership started with 58 members.

In June 1994, the St. James AME Federal Credit Union assets reached the million dollar level. This was a triumphant year!

The successful growth of the St. James AME Federal Credit Union for the past 49 years is accredited to the officers and members of our great church.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ..... OFFICE

Garvey A. Ince ..... Chairperson  
Mack A. Evans ..... 1st Vice Chairperson  
Sherman Wright ..... 2nd Vice Chairperson  
Josephine L. Horton ..... 3rd Vice Chairperson  
Keith D. Bonds ..... Treasurer  
Lorenza Hargroves ..... Secretary  
Randolph M. Limerick  
Kim N. Kershaw  
William D. Watley, Rev.  
Willie A. West  
Patrick B. Lester

### CREDIT COMMITTEE

Willie A. West ..... Chairman  
Keshia M. Green ..... Secretary  
A. Diane Cumberbatch  
Clarence A. Terry

### OPERATIONS STAFF ..... OFFICE

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LaGlora E. Starks ..... V. Pres. Operations-Finance  
John H. Ransome, Sr.  
Martin L. Erwin  
Isabelle Ashby  
Julius B. Hutchinson  
James Bryant  
Nancy L. Smith-Alam

### SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

Patrick B. Lester ..... Chairman  
Clyde H. Horton, Jr. .... Vice Chairman  
Earl Haugabrook ..... Secretary  
Denise Williams  
Sidney C. Snead

### YOUTH PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Denise Williams ..... Chairwoman

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jesse O. Henderson ..... Chairman  
Mary A. Ince ..... Secretary  
Mayfield B. Bradman

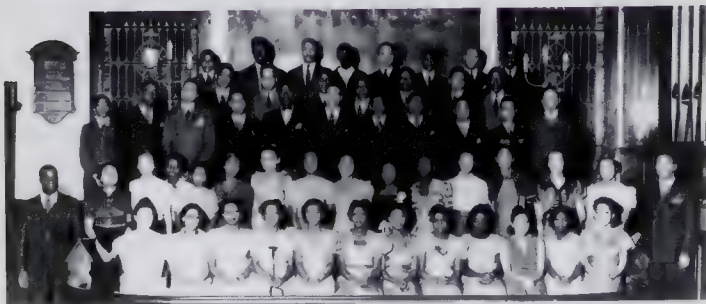
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### ORIGINAL GOSPEL CHOIR — 1939

ANNA YOUNES — President  
LILLIAN MAGGETTE — Directress      REV. JOSEPH H. SLADE — Pastor



### ST. JAMES ROLAND HAYES GLEE CLUB

Organized 1939

GEORGE E. RAINEY — Director      THERESA SLADE (Cavaness) — Accompanist

Theme:

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## ALLEN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR LEAGUE

LEWIS TURNER — President  
MINNIE HARDAWAY — Supervisor



## ORIGINAL CO-ED USHERS

JEAN GAINES — President  
ELIZABETH BARRETT — Supervisor

Theme:

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LADY USHER BOARD #1 — 1940



ALTAR CIRCLE — 1940

GRACE HALL — President  
SADIE ELLSWORTH — Vice President  
CARRIE L. WRIGHT — Financial Secretary  
FLORENCE S. BROWN — Recording Secretary  
MARY SIGLER — Treasurer

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ORIGINAL BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



STEWARDESS BOARD "A" — 1940's

DELIA TUCKER, President

Theme:

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PACK  
#55

DEN MOTHERS  
and  
COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS

1940's

BABY  
CONTEST

1940's



Theme:

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CLASS LEADERS — 1940's



CLASS LEADERS — 1950's

Theme:

"OTHERS HAVE LABORED AND YOU HAVE ENTERED INTO THEIR LABOR"



MITE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

1939



TRUSTEES AND STEWARDS — 1930's

Theme:

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WEST END HELPERS — 1930s



## WEST END HELPERS

1996

SIDNEY SNEAD, President  
 ELLEN JACKSON, Vice President  
 SHIRLEY MANNESS, Secretary  
 ELOISE MAY, Treasurer  
 JUANITA SNEAD, Corres. Sec'y

## MEMBERS

Hattie Snead  
 Eloise Maness  
 Iouberta Finn  
 James Snead  
 David Snead  
 Samuel Snead

Phyllis Snead  
 Tillola Snead  
 Lance Snead  
 Mastin Snead  
 Titalola Snead  
 Bruce Snead

Theme:

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THE  
SENIOR  
CHOIR  
•  
1952



## CATHEDRAL CHOIR — 1996

BERNICE WILSON, President\*

NELLIE DANIELS, Vice President

HORTENISE ANDERSON, Secretary

MARY WILLS, Treasurer

DELORES JOHNSON, Chaplain

Theme:

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ST. JAMES A.M.E.  
"FOOT CLINIC"  
1950'S

•  
DR. GERTRUDE JACOBS

ST. JAMES A.M.E.  
NURSES UNIT  
1996

•  
ARLENE SALLEY  
President

TRESSY TAYLOR



Theme:

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## YOUNG MARRIED WOMEN'S GUILD — 1952

MRS. BERNICE JOHNSON, President

## THE MARRIED WOMEN'S GUILD — 1996

All Glory, Honor, and Praise to God who blessed us to be a part of this Community of Faith, Growth, and Christian fellowship over many years.

|                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Marion P. Murrill ..... | President                |
| Eugenia Wilcox .....    | Vice-President           |
| Alberta Reynolds .....  | Recording Secretary      |
| Vivian Goins .....      | Correspondence Secretary |
| Nellie Alston .....     | Treasurer                |
| Agnes Judson .....      | Chaplain                 |

## MEMBERS

|                 |                  |                    |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Mary Baker      | Clara Jenkins    | Helen Nash         |
| Rosetta Brown   | Bernice Johnson  | Janet Riley        |
| Mamie Brown     | Mildred Kent     | Louise Robinson    |
| Nellie Butler   | Juanita Latimore | Deoris Satterwhite |
| Ella Sue Childs | Robbie Moore     | Margaret Turner    |

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them: Rev. 14-13

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| Juanita Bergman | Ida Donaldson | Alma Grissett |
| Ann Rucker      | Ruby Salley   | Mabel Scott   |

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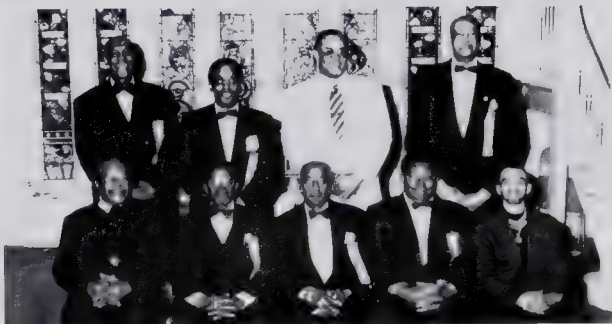
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## MALE USHER BOARD

1950's



## MALE USHER BOARD — 1996

FRANK R. WOODS, President  
CARL MICKENS, Vice President

EUGENE ROBINSON, Treasurer  
ROBERT JOHNSON, Chaplain

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SUNDAY SCHOOL — Mid 50's



SUNDAY SCHOOL — 1996

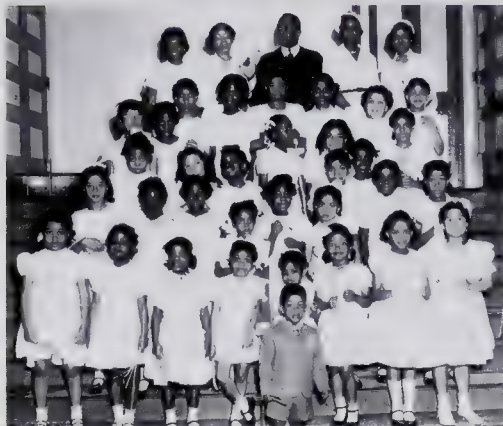
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A.C.E. LEAGUE

1954

LITTLE  
HELPERS•  
1955

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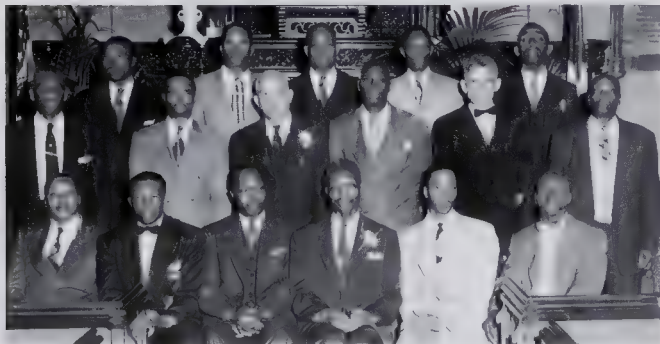


ORIGINAL  
CATERING  
CLUB

•  
Donella Lovelace

Mrs. Holt

Pearl Henry



SONS OF ALLEN

AARON FRAZIER, President

Theme:

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT — 1950's



YOUTH MINISTRY

REV. PETER MATTHEWS

Theme:

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MOLLIE P.  
JOHNSON

1941 1985

•  
Church Secretary  
of the Staff  
•

She endured five  
pastors and one year  
with the sixth



CONNIE WILSON

Office Administrator



GRACE THOMAS

Office Assistance

Theme:

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Daniel Bradman (in uniform) shown with his family and Rev. Blake, after receiving God and Country Award.



## BOARD OF STEWARDS

REV WILLIAM D. WATLEY, Chairperson

FRANK R. WOODS, Vice Chairperson

CLARA C. JENKINS, 2nd Vice Chairperson

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### TRUSTEE BOARD

RUDOLPH GRAVES, Vice Chairperson  
NAOMI HUNTLEY, 2nd Vice Chairperson



### STEWARDESS BOARD "A"

EUGENIA WILCOX — ISABEL ASHBY — ROXIE WARNOCK — HORTENSE SMITH

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STEWARDESS BOARD "B"

VERMELL LLOYD, President  
VERDELL WILLIAMS, Vice President

ELEANOR STRIDIRON, Secretary  
J. WINIFRED KELLMAN, Treasurer



STEWARDESS BOARD "D"

LEONA YARBOROUGH, President  
DELORES WILLIAMS, Vice President  
KATHY RICHARDSON, Recording Secretary  
ROSA KELLY, Treasurer

PAULINE TOOMBS, Chaplain  
SUSIE MURRAY, Ass't. Rec. Sec'y.  
DIANE BOYD, Financial Secretary  
MILDRED BELL, Ass't. Fin. Sec'y

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## STEWARDESS BOARD "E"

NELLIE F. SMITH, President

NELLIE ALSTON, Vice President

EVA MAGUM, Secretary

ELLA S. RAINEY, Rec. Secretary

PEARL THORNLEY, Treasurer

SANDRA KERSHAW, Ass't Treasurer

CONNIE ROPER, Chaplain



## THE LAY ORGANIZATION

THOMASENA WOODWARD, President

FRANK WOODS, Vice President

BEULAH MONTGOMERY, Secretary

SAM SNEAD, Treasurer

BARBARA VICKERS, Ass't Sec'y.

ANNE MADDOX, Chaplain

SARAH QUADIR, Dir. of Public Relations

NAOMI HUNTLEY, Dir. of Lay Activities

RICHARDEEN HARRIS, Corres. Sec'y

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### LADY'S USHER BOARD #2

DELORES BOYCE, President  
 RUBY WOOLRIDGE, Vice President  
 ELIZABETH CAMPBELL, Secretary  
 NELLIE DANIELS, Treasurer

ALBERTA REYNOLDS, Chaplain  
 MARY WARD, Corres. Secretary  
 THELMA BOOKER, Sgt.-at-Arms

## ST. JAMES CO-ED USHERS

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| NELLIE WRIGHT BUTLER ..... | President           |
| FRANK THOMPSON .....       | Vice President      |
| RICHARDEAN HARRIS .....    | Secretary           |
| ERMA EVANS-HOLMES .....    | Financial Secretary |
| MACK EVANS .....           | Treasurer           |
| ELISAL RICHARDSON .....    | Chaplain            |
| GIRLEEN HAYDEN .....       | Ass't. Secretary    |

We join in congratulations on our 154th Anniversary.  
 The Lord has been good to us and we will continue to  
 serve and praise Him.

Theme:

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## *Menu*

FRESH FRUIT CUP  
TOSSED GARDEN SALAD W/HOUSE DRESSING  
ROLLS AND BUTTER  
STUFFED BREAST OF CHICKEN  
VEGETABLES  
BAKED POTATO  
DESSERT  
COFFEE, TEA, DECAF



## *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Lift every voice and sing,  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise,  
High as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea,  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

James Weldon Johnson

### **Theme:**

**"OTHERS HAVE LABORED AND YOU HAVE ENTERED INTO THEIR LABOR"**

## 154th Church Anniversary Banquet

... "Others labored and you have entered into their labor." Matthew 4:38

### Programme

|                                                  |                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| FLAG BEARERS .....                               | St. James Boy Scouts<br>Troop No. 55 |
| INVOCATION .....                                 | Dr. Mary Williams                    |
| INTRODUCTION OF MASTER OF CEREMONY .....         | Camille Ince                         |
| MASTER OF CEREMONY .....                         | Dr. Edward Verner                    |
| PATRIOTIC MEDLEY & LIFT EVERY VOICE & SING ..... | The Young People Singers             |

### Dinner

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS ..... | Bernice Johnson |
|--------------------------|-----------------|

### "St. James History in Words, Songs and Dance"

|                           |                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NARRATOR .....            | Chairman, Lewis Turner<br>The Gospel Jubilaires<br>The St. James Dance Ministry<br>The Mass Choir |
| THE CHAIRMAN SPEAKS ..... | Dr. William D. Watley                                                                             |
| BENEDICTION .....         |                                                                                                   |

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## GOSPEL JUBILAIREs

SAM SNEAD, Director  
WILLA MAE MOORE, President  
NELLIE F. SMITH, 1st Vice President

EVELYN GRIFFIN, 2nd Vice President  
MARZELLA SWAIN, Secretary  
GEORGIANNA LONEY, Treasurer



## VOLUNTEER CHOIR

•  
SAM SNEAD  
Director

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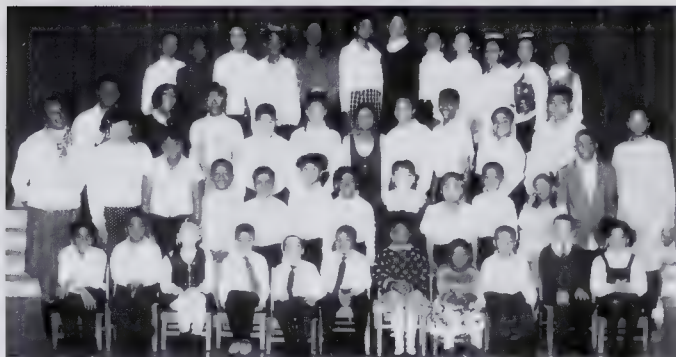




### YOUNG ADULT CHOIR

CYNTHIA NORTINGTON, Director  
DEBBIE RICHARDSON, Asst. Director

NIKKIA NEAL, President  
SAKINAH CONWAY, Secretary



### KIDS FOR CHRIST

JACKIE TURNER, Director  
Assistants, FRANCIS WIGGINS — KANDICE DICKERSON — CONNIE NEAL

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### THE PRECIOUS GEMS' COMMITTEE

DAPHNE GATERS, President  
DEORIS SATTERWHITE, Vice President  
GRACE THOMAS, Recording Secretary

PAULINE RANDOLPH, Treasurer  
WILLA GREENE, Chaplain  
BIRLAH TUCKER, Corres. Secretary



### THE SOUTH CAROLINA CLUB

JOSEPH YEADON, President

"Congratulations as we celebrate our 154th Church Anniversary.  
TO GOD BE THE GLORY".

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# SAM SNEAD

*Minister of Music*



## JUNIOR USHER BOARD — 1964

Compliments of  
NATHANIEL LEE and MAGGIE VAN DER VEER

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## THE ACOLYTES

"Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord". Romans 12:11

Derrick Armour

Monisha Black

Eric Brewer

Sakeenah S. Clark

Chanel Collins

Wesley Curry

Tyrecha Davis

Jessica Dunson  
(not pictured)

Shontay Guyton

Shawn Harper

Camille Ince

Janelle Ince

Ashlee Johnson

Julie Ladson

Sheena Robinson

Rashon Walker

Toney Williams

Somar Williams

Advisors: Bro. Delma Walker, Sis. Callie A. Hawkins, Sis. Mary Ince, Bro. Lawrence Elijah, Bro. Keith Collins (not pictured)

This is the third group of Acolytes ages 8 - 13 in the history of the church. We are grateful for this ministry.

Theme:

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## ST. JAMES DANCE MINISTRY

SUSAN GREENE, Director  
GAIL GLOVER, Director  
JACKIE SIMS, President  
DEBBIE TERRY, Vice President

BEVERLY CONWAY, Recording Secretary  
SANDRA CUMMINGS, Corresponding Secretary  
FRANCES WIGGINS, Treasurer  
GAIL GRAVES, Chaplain



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# The Pastor's Aid Society

Joyously Serving

REV. DR. WILLIAM D. WATLEY



## OFFICERS

|                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| BRO. NATHANIEL CLINTON LEE ..... | President           |
| BEATRICE McCLINTON .....         | Vice President      |
| HORTENSE SMITH .....             | Secretary           |
| ANN MADDOX .....                 | President Emeritus  |
| DAISY PARK .....                 | Chaplain            |
| PRISCILLIA MANN .....            | Treasurer           |
| REBECCA TANNER .....             | Financial Secretary |

## MEMBERSHIP

KIZZIE WATSON  
WOODY GRAVES  
HAZEL WATERS

REV. BERTHA WILLIAMS  
ARNITA HARDEN  
GEORGIANNA LONEY  
BEVERLY BARKER

JAMES GAYLES  
FRANCES WILLIAMS  
BEVERLY BRYANT

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THE PRESIDENTS  
OF THE  
PASTOR'S AID



MRS. MADELAINE D. PERKINS

**MRS. MINNIE HARDAWAY**

1943 - 1949



MRS. ANNE B. MADDOX

1949 - 1992



MR. NATHANIEL C. LEE, JR.

1992 -

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### *Madelaine D. Perkins*

Highly respected, Madelaine was active, loyal and dependable. She chaired all major days, served as an Usher, Sunday School Teacher, President of the Allen Christian Endeavor League. During the Pastorate of Rev. Charles Spivey she was elected president of the Pastors Aid Society. Rev. Eustace Blake appointed her official church hostess. The March of Roses and Xmas Candlelight Service were initiated by Mrs. Perkins. For years she was secretary of the Conference Claims Committee. She assisted the families of bereaved members with advice, solace and direction, words of comfort in their time of sorrow. Madelaine Perkins was a faithful member for seventy five years.

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## MRS. ANNE BENJAMINE MADDOX

Anne Benjamine Maddox joined St. James A.M.E. Church in 1948, under the watch of Rev. Mansfield E. Jackson.

She has remarkable church life that includes trophies from the Drama Club. She worked in the Missionary Society under Rev. Blake and continues to sing tenor in the Cathedral Choir. A Lay Organization member, she possesses impressive knowledge of the A.M.E. doctrine and discipline. She was a Credit Union Officer and is a present member.

Perhaps Sis. Maddox is most distinguished in the St. James Pastor's Aid Society where having joined in 1949, she became president shortly afterwards, she remained so for 43 years. This era was defined by grace, dignity, generosity and faith.

Having co-labored along side 7 pastors, Madame President Emeritus Maddox remains chief benefactress of the Society today. Grandma 'A's' home is always open to family and church. Pastors especially found her home (as all P.A.S. homes), a welcome retreat from the rigors of pulpit life.

Mrs. Maddox is a 32 year veteran of the Newark Board of Education where, today she is manager of 9 school cafeterias.

It is evident God continues to bless Mrs. Maddox for her deep devotion to church and love of family. We thank God for enriching our lives with Anne B. Maddox.



## ADA J. MOSS

Ada J. Moss joined St. James A.M.E. Church January 1, 1914 under the watch of Bishop H. Heard and Pastor H.K. Spearman. Mrs. Moss proved extraordinary helping to charter the following organizations:

- Usher Board #1 (where she served for 51 years)
- The Young Men and Women Service Club
- The Senior Citizens Club (where she was vice president)
- The Senior Choir (now the Cathedral Choir)
- Stewardess Board C (where she was treasurer)

Today Sister Moss boasts 43 year membership in the church Credit Union. She is active in the P.A. S. Auxiliary and generously supports the School Building Fund.

A Lifetime resident of Newark New Jersey, "Mamma Moss" is the beloved widow of William "Pop" Moss. Many a church Folk and Prince Hall Affiliate enjoyed the warm hospitality of their home through the years.

Mrs. Moss continues to enjoy family and brotherhood and it is especially a pleasure to greet her at 7:30 Sunday service. Her stately figure, always crowned with a hat, is a model to womanhood everywhere.

We Thank God for enriching our lives and community with the gift of Ada J. Moss.



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*Founding Members*

Ms. Monica Dula  
Mr. Lorraine D. Johnson  
Mrs. Bernice C. Johnson  
Mrs. Zeraline Verner  
Dr. Edward Verner, M.D.  
Dr. Edwina Verner, M.D.  
Mr. Frank Woods  
Mr. Nathaniel Lee  
Ms. Lorenza Hargroves  
Mr. Isaac Thomas  
Mrs. Grace Thomas  
Mrs. Delores Johnson  
Mr. Cecil Bonds  
Mrs. Johnnie McCoy  
Mrs. Carole Graves  
Mrs. Juanita Moss  
Mr. Carl Peterman  
Mr. Samuel Snead  
Mrs. Phyllis Snead  
Mrs. Darlene Reynolds  
Mr. Clinton Reynolds, Jr.  
Mrs. Mildred English  
Mr. Darryl Poe  
Mrs. Theresa Slade Canvaness  
Mrs. Annette Thomas  
Ms. Susie M. Murray  
Mrs. Nathaline Page  
Mr. Lewis Turner  
Alphonso Fields  
Mrs. Dollie Sherrod

Mr. Garvey Ince  
Mrs. Mary Ince  
Mrs. Willie Stamford  
Mr. Delma Walker  
Mrs. Doris Perry  
Mrs. Marion P. Murrill  
Mrs. Naomi Huntley  
Mrs. Thomasena Woodward  
Mrs. Nellie Wright Butler  
Mrs. Marian Watley  
Mrs. Muriel Watley  
Rev. Dr. William D. Watley  
Mrs. Clara Clark-Jenkins  
Mrs. Ruby Heard-Bustamonte  
Mr. Joseph Yeadon  
Mrs. Callie A. Hawkins  
Mrs. Alma Dixon  
Mr. Rudolph Graves  
Mrs. Diane Johnson  
Mrs. Gwendolyn Garretson  
Mr. Darryl Gayton  
Rev. Carolyn Williams  
Mrs. Georgianna Lovey  
Mr. Robert Johnson  
Mrs. Linda Moore  
Mrs. Eugenia Wilcox  
Mrs. Jacquelyn R. Davis  
Mrs. Agnes Bennett  
Mr. Ernest Davis, III  
Mrs. Eula Penn  
Clarence Green

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## Fulmae B. Orr Missionary Society

Officers '95 '96

|                                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ADVISOR .....                       | Muriel L. Watley         |
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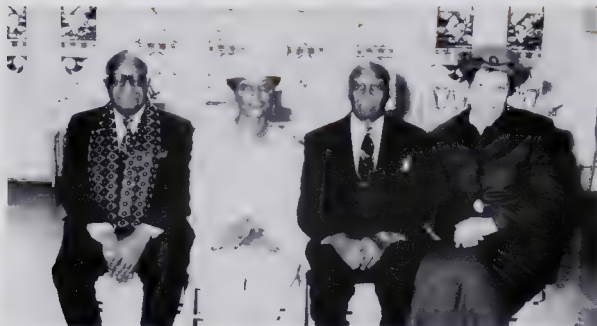


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*From*

## **THE FAMILY**

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His devoted service will always be remembered.

He also served an equal number of years as a trustee.

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IN MEMORY OF

## Mother Alice Taylor

Deaconess of St. James A.M.E. Church

WE CHERISH YOUR MEMORY  
AND THE LOVE YOU GAVE.

\* \* \*

Grandchildren

Charles Williams and Verdell Williams

Margaret Shackelford

Mary Davis

Eugene Williams James Williams

and

Great Grandchildren

IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF MY MOTHER

## Maud S. Reid

(April 2, 1904

January 15, 1994)

Daughter

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## IN LOVING MEMORY



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"You will never be forgotten, for your constant desire toward uplifting God's Kingdom."

JOSEPH J. HOLMES  
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## IN MEMORY OF

MY MOTHER



ADA V. PAGE

MY UNCLE



WILLIAM M. GREEN

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Of

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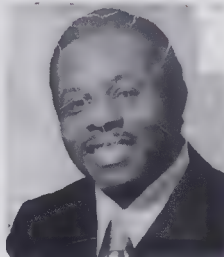


IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF



MARY E. SIGLER

1884 - 1950



GEORGE E. RAINEY

1912 - 1992

Lord God we remember those who have gone before us and thank you for the inspiration of their memory. May we never take for granted the heritage we have in Christ Jesus.



*The Sigler and Rainey Families*

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## IN MEMORIAL



CARRIE S. WOODWARD

1904

1964

"Your home may be in Glory"  
But you still live in our hearts".

THE FAMILY,

Schenck, Woodward, Williams  
and Ward

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## IN MEMORIUM



### Gaston and Arsia Maness

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From:

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**IN MEMORY OF**  
**Annie Flagg, Dr. Perry Chaney,**  
**Flossie Cullen and Mamie Baskerville**



Your Nephew,  
**DAVID BOLDEN**

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*Memories of ...*

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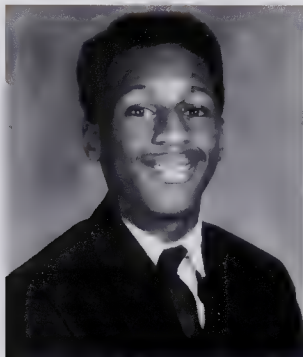


MEMORIES ARE ROSES  
BLOOMING EVERMORE  
FULL OF FRAGRANT SWEETNESS  
NEVER KNOWN BEFORE  
GOALS FOR WHICH TO STRIVE...  
MEMORIES ARE LIGHTS THAT BURN  
TO KEEP THE HEART ALIVE.

MOM  
DAD  
JOHN JR.  
&  
JADA

AUNT NELLIE  
&  
UNCLE LILLTON

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## RODNEY "KEITH" MOSS

Your unseen presence is forever present  
Your handless touch is forever felt  
Your unspoken voice is forever heard

Though your physical body I no longer see  
Your spiritual presence resides forever inside of me

You would have been 22 February 1st  
But, only seventeen you'll always be

Loving you then, now and  
forever,  
MA

Submitted by: **Juanita M. Moss**  
***In Loving Memory***

2/9/96

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## IN MEMORIUM



**MRS.  
MARY ANN OLIVER**



Mrs. Hazel Dye



IN MEMORY LOVING OF  
**Tina Marie Moore**

1966 - 1994

Tina was an active member of St. James A.M.E. Church. She was a member of the Sunday School, Children's Choir, Young Adult Choir, an active member of the New Jersey Conference Y.P.D. where she held an office as worship leader

Just a cluster of beautiful memories sprayed with a million tears, wishing Goa had spared her with a few more years.

Sadly Missed,  
By her Mother,  
3 Sisters  
and Loving Grandmother

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*Louise Warren*

**A**dmiration  
**I**nspiration  
**D**edication  
**S**alvation



*Wexie*

We thank you for the  
legacy you left us.

Always in our thoughts  
Forever in our hearts.

Your loving family,  
ELLEN, CAMILLE, RASHEEDA AND HASSON

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*Newark Councilman At Large*

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**ALSO IN MEMORY OF RELATIVES WHO JOINED ABOUT THAT TIME...**

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We thank all of you for your cooperation and assistance in helping to put together our "154th Church Anniversary Journal". We have tried to give you a journal that your children and grand-children will look at in years ahead to see how it was then and how it is now.

To the "200th Church Anniversary Journal Committee" we leave you this book to help you get started on what will be a memorable journey through the history of St. James A.M.E. Church.....May God continue to bless all of you.....  
We Love You.....

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